Absorption of Demonatration Maistries of Madras Karnataka Area

906. Sri A. G.KODGI (Baindur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the policy of the Government in regard to the placing in independent charge of Officers/Officials in the Departments of Government against the sanctioned posts and whether any rules have been framed in that behalf ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Demonstration Maistries of erstwhile Madras State have been placed in independent charge of the duties of the Fieldman/Field Assistants for nearly 10 to 12 years ;

(*c*) if so, whether such an arrangement will not be contrary to the said policy of the Government ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests).—

(*a*) Usually the vacant posts are filled up by the regular appointments but where the eligibility of the officials to be posted is yet to be decided, postings on their own pay and grade (ssts are ordered in the interest of Government work. The officials so posted are paid charge allowance as per Rules 32 and 68 of M. C. S. Rules.

(*b*) The Demonstration Maistries of Madras-Karnatak area who were rendered surplus due to conversion of Agricultural Ranges into N. E. S. Blocks were absorbed in the Agriculture Department and posted against the posts of Fieldman on their own pay and grade. This arrangement was made as there were no sanctioned posts of Demonstration Maistries in the erstwhile Mysore State.

(*c*) Does not arise. Such own pay and grade arrangements are made either to accommodate officials when there are no sanctioned posts for them or in the interest of Government work when the eligibility of the offiials to be posted has not been decided.

Calling Attention to Matters of Urgent Public Importance :

(*i*) *re* : death of labourers in a lorry accident in Seshagiri Mines near Yesawanthanagar.

Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—Madam Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister to the death of labourers in a loaded lorry accident in Seshagiri Mines near Yesawanthanagar belonging to S. M. and I.O. Sandur on 22nd March 1973.